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SUBJECT: THE DMC ELECTS KNESSET LIST AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE TODAY

1. TODAY'S INTERNAL ELECTIONS IN THE DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT FOR CHANGE HAVE GENERATE WIDESPREAD INTEREST. THE 33,500 MEMBERS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE (THEY HAD TO JOIN BY FEBRUARY 24 TO BE ELIGIBLE) WILL MARK THEIR BALLOTS AT SOME 60 STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. THEY WILL BE ASKED TO LIST UP TO 30 NAMES IN RANK ORDER FROM AMONG THE 151 CANDIDATES FOR THE KNESSET LIST AND TO CHOOSE UP TO 20 NAMES FROM AMONG THE 297 RUNNING FOR THE PARTY'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE. FORTY OF THE 120 CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL BE CHOSEN THIS WAY WHILE THE OTHER 80 WILL BE SELECTED BY THE DMC'S 88 BRANCHES. DUE TO THE COMPLICATED SYSTEM OF TABULATION, RESULTS ARE NOT EXPECTED FOR FOUR OR FIVE DAYS.

2. COMMENT: HE DMC'S EXPERIEMENT IN DIRECT DEMOCRACY IN SELCTING ITS CANDIDATES TAKES PLACE AMID SIGNS THAT ALL IS NOT WELL IN THE PARTY. IN ADDITION TO THE
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STRESSES AND STRAINS REFLECTED IN THE LAST MINUTE POSTPONEMENT OF TWO SUCCESSIVE PRESS CONFERENCES CALLED TO PRESENT PARTS OF THE DMC PLATFORM (TEL AVIV 1694), THERE ARE ANXIETIES OVER WHAT KIND OF PARTY TODAY'S VOTE WILL PRODUCE. PARTY LEADERS FEAR THAT WHOLE BLOCKS OF NEW MEMBERS NOT INTERESTED IN THE DMC'S PROGRAM WERE SIGNED UP BY A FEW INDIVIDUALS RUNNING FOR

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THE KNESSET LIST WITH THE AIM OF SECURING THEIR VOTES OR BY OTHERS ATTEMPTING TO UNDERMINE THE PARTY BY VOTING FOR NONENTITIES. A SPECIAL COMMITTEE WAS SET UP TO REVIEW SEVERAL THOUSAND "SUSPICIOUS" MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE HAVE HEARD THAT ONE OR TWO VETERAN SHINUI LEADERS HAVE QUIT THE DMC DISGRUNTLED BY THE COMPROMISE AND DILUTION THEIR PRINCIPLES HAVE SUFFERED SINCE THE SMALL SHINUI PROTEST MOVEMENT MERGED WITH THE DMC TO BECOME A MASS MOVEMENT. NEVERTHELESS, THE DMC IS GIVING ISRAEL AN EXAMPLE OF ALMOST PURE DEMOCRACY IN ACTION. DUNNIGAN

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